

## Summary of FBC activities:

- **Transboundary Actions:** a mission from the UN (UNESCO and IUCN) visited the COC for one week to investigate and determine if the Waterton-Glacier World Heritage site designation should be changed to “World Heritage in danger.”
- **Aquatic Invasive Species (ANS):** completed a multi-stakeholder/multijurisdictional basinwide ANS strategic plan which will ultimately be incorporated into the State AIS plan. The next step will involve identifying funding to implement the plan, focusing on efforts that can be implemented with in-kind services and volunteers, and sponsoring an ANS conference.
- **Groundwater Studies:** The Phase I groundwater study will commence in October, and the Phase II study should follow shortly thereafter. The goal of the study is to better define the shallow aquifers, and determine if contaminants from stormwater and septic systems are polluting groundwater resources.
- **Lidar Mapping:** Commenced this month and draft products may be available by the end of this year.
- **Water Quality District:** A multi-jurisdictional work group was established to determine IF a water quality district is warranted, and if so, to determine the goals, structure and regulatory authority of said district.
- **Socio-economic report:** working with a consultant, the second draft of this report was reviewed and completed.
- **Revamping Volunteer Monitoring Program:** will be amending both the field and lab SAPs, as well as the management of the program.
- **TMDL education and outreach grant:** work to commence shortly under this grant and may include a lake-assist program and stormwater certification program modeled on the Idaho programs..
- **Crown Managers Partnership:** continued working with this group on an Ecological Health Project as well as the annual forum. Developing working partnerships with other crown groups continues to be of interest to the CMP.
- **Website Development:** we are currently in the process of classifying the webmaster position, and will hopefully be hiring someone in early 2010. In the interim, a consultant has been hired to revamp the front page of the FBC website, and to provide some organizational recommendations.
- **501(c)(3) status:** the FBC is in the process of trying to identify a fiscal agent that could accept donations on behalf of the FBC rather than obtaining 501(c)(3) status. Suggestions from the group are welcome..